

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Official Action of June 1, 2009, required a restriction between Group I (claims 1-6); Group II (claims 7-10); Group III (claims 11-19); Group IV (claims 20-23); Group V (claims 24-26); and Group VI (claims 27-30).

Applicants elect the invention of Group I (claims 1-6).

This election is made without traverse. Because a restriction requirement is never proper unless the restricted group of claims is patentably distinct (i.e., *inter alia*, nonobvious under 35 U.S.C. § 103) from the elected group of claims, the Examiner is requested to ensure that such patentable distinctness is present before proceeding to make the requirement final.

It is respectfully requested that the nonelected claims be retained for use with a possible divisional application.

All claims are in good condition for allowance. If any small matter remains outstanding, the Examiner is requested to telephone Applicants' representative. Prompt reconsideration and allowance of this application is requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency, or credit any overpayment, in the fee(s) filed, or asserted to be filed, or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Account No. 14-1140.

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